

Institutional Herbarium for Education in Pharmacobotany [†]

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Abstract: A scientific collection of plants or part of them, dried, preserved, identified, and accompanied by critical information such as the identity of the collector, place, date of collection, and habitat constitute a herbarium that can be used for educational purposes. Thus, the National University of the Chaco Austral aimed to establish a herbarium for educational purposes in the Pharmacy career and other related careers. Recently (June 2021), an institutional herbarium called “Ing. Carlos Chifa” was created in honor of a retired professor of pharmacobotany at this university. This herbarium occupies a specific physical place in the institution, and it has about five thousand copies of herbalized plant material and collections of different parts of plants such as seeds, fruits, roots, and wood from America. It should be noted that the herbarium was registered in the Index Herbariorum belonging to the NYBG Steere Herbarium and constitutes a regional reference center. In conclusion, the importance of the existence of a herbarium as a didactic tool in the education of pharmacobotany within the Pharmacy career is highlighted; useful to study plant diversity using the experience of collecting plants of the region in their environment and properly conditioning them.

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